

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 47-68 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or suggest the device claimed by applicant.

Richmond discloses the apparatus substantially as claimed by applicant, but fails to disclose that port 182 is capable of receiving an injection needle for fluid infusion wherein the needle comprises a fluid transfer device, fluid reservoir, and additional membrane to form a double-bayonet coupling with the disclosed connector. Scislowicz teaches a snap fit coupling, but not a connector with the claimed inlet and outlet ports that are capable of functioning as claimed by applicant in combination with the claimed secondary fluid transfer device. Wood discloses a medical connector with a resilient connector member, but fails to disclose a connector with the claimed inlet and outlet ports that are capable of functioning as claimed by applicant in combination with the claimed secondary fluid transfer device. Leinsing discloses a medical adapter with fluid inlet and outlet ports, but fails to disclose or suggest the claimed secondary fluid transfer device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LESLIE R. DEAK whose telephone number is (571)272-4943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tanya Zalukaeva can be reached on 571-272-1115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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